

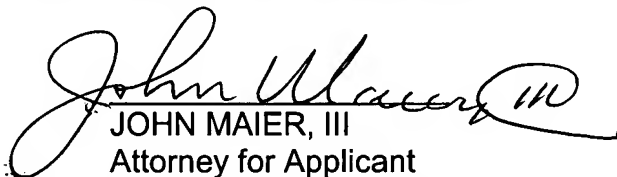
REMARKS

The Examiner has allowed all ten claims but has correctly pointed out errors of consistency of language in certain claims. This has been attended to and, particularly in claim 8, additional changes have been made which are necessary for consistency and clarity.

It is noted that no objections were made as to the specification and to the drawings.

The Examiner has cited four patents but has not applied them directly to the instant invention. None show the concept of two nodes. Kingman US 1,689,207 teaches a metal mesh over a mass of entangled wire. Shumway, et al, US 5,336,330 teaches the handle and sponge but without the mesh covering or the nodes. Clien US 5,787,542 teaches one layer of material as a cover over an absorbent unit with a handle but again no double net or nodes is even suggested. Clein, US 6,038,727 teaches a ball of multiple tubes of a mess material but not the invention of applicant as previously stated.

Accordingly, an early notice of allowance is requested. The Examiner's assistance in suggesting the claim corrections is much appreciated.



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